

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGULATORY IMPACT))
OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017))
ON RATE REGULATED UTILITIES AND)) PSC DOCKET NO. 17-1239
CUSTOMERS))
(FILED DECEMBER 29, 2017)))

ORDER NO. 9164

AND NOW, this 4th day of January 2018, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, this Commission has regulatory responsibility for investor owned utilities in the State of Delaware which includes the obligation to ensure just and reasonable rates for consumers,

WHEREAS, recent tax law changes resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 have made significant changes which will impact rate regulated utilities in Delaware and may result in unjust and unreasonable rates without regulatory review,

WHEREAS, Staff has petitioned the Commission to examine the regulatory impacts of the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on rate regulated utilities,

WHEREAS, Staff recommends the best path forward for the Commission is to order a limited regulatory review of all rate regulated utilities in Delaware to determine the impact of the new tax law on the utilities and their customer rates,

WHEREAS, such review may require the Commission to approve new utility rates that reflect the tax law changes and that are just and reasonable under the new circumstances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF
NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That each rate regulated utility in Delaware shall file application with the Commission addressing the impacts of the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and provide any new rate schedules that may be appropriate under the revised financial circumstances of the utility.

2. That each rate regulated utility in Delaware shall make such supplication by no later than March 31, 2018 unless a request for delay is received and approved by the Commission prior to that date.

3. Each utility is hereby placed on notice that the costs of the proceedings will be charged to it under the provisions of 26 Del. C. §114(b) (1).

4. The Commission's Secretary shall promptly serve a copy of this order on the Division of the Public Advocate.

5. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary